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**Revision of the Energy Efficiency Directive:
Your role in the next negotiation steps**

Dear Minister,

On behalf of the Coalition for Energy Savings, I would like to congratulate you for your leadership in the Council last week for an ambitious post 2020 Energy Efficiency Directive.


The cities, businesses, consumer associations, cooperatives and NGOs united in the Coalition for Energy Savings see the Directive as the bedrock for an affordable, climate proof and safe transition of EU's energy system. Its provisions are vital to encourage the market for energy efficiency products and services and slowing down progress after 2020 would be the wrong direction.

We therefore welcome the common declaration in which your country and its partners stand ready to pursue the negotiations with a view to improve the ambition of the Directive. With this in mind, we would like to bring your attention to elements which we think will be important to gather further support for a strong Directive.

Despite the efforts of the Commission to demonstrate the availability of public and private financing, some Member States are not yet convinced that energy efficiency can play a lead role in Europe's economic rebound, and is not a burden on their budget. It will be important to further build a common understanding of what the financing situation is and accelerate the deployment of concrete solutions – including for example on the treatment of energy performance contracting by Eurostat rules and on the discussions around the future EU budget.

The majority of the countries reported a successful delivery of the 1.5% annual savings requirement. We therefore think that the reluctance of some Member States to commit to continued progress after 2020 and a common 2030 target can be overcome through political mobilisation and we would like to encourage you to pursue your efforts on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Stefan Scheuer, Secretary General



The Coalition for Energy Savings (AISBL) strives to make energy efficiency and savings the first consideration of energy policies and the driving force towards a secure, sustainable and competitive European Union. Its membership unites businesses, professionals, local authorities, cooperatives, trade unions, consumer and civil society organisations in pursuit of this goal. The Coalition calls on the EU to commit itself to a 40% energy saving target by 2030, and to step up policies, measures and investments in order to stop energy waste and tap the considerable energy savings potentials.

Coalition members represent:

- more than 500 associations, 200 companies and 1,240 energy cooperatives
- 15 million supporters and more than 2 million employees
- 2,500 cities and towns in 30 countries in Europe

Members of the Coalition are:

Architects' Council of Europe (ACE), BEUC (The European Consumer Organisation), CEE Bankwatch Network, ClientEarth, Climate Action Network Europe (CAN-Europe), Climate Alliance, COGEN Europe, E3G, ECOS (The European Environmental Citizens Organisation for Standardisation), Energy Cities, Euroheat & Power (EHP), European Alliance of Companies for Energy Efficiency in Buildings (EuroACE), European Alliance to Save Energy (EU-ASE), European Association for the Consumption-based Billing of Energy Costs (EVVE), European Association of Polyurethane Insulation Manufacturers (PU Europe), European Climate Foundation, European Committee of Domestic Equipment Manufacturers (CECED), European Copper Institute, European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (eceee), European Environmental Bureau (EEB), European Federation of Intelligent Energy Efficiency Services (EFIEES), European Federation of Building and Woodworkers (EFBWW), European Insulation Manufacturers Association (Eurima), European Federation of Public, Cooperative & Social Housing (Housing Europe), European Partnership for Energy and the Environment (EPEE), Friends of the Earth Europe, Glass for Europe, LightingEurope, REScoop, Transport & Environment (T&E) and WWF, as well as advisory members Buildings Performance Institute Europe (BPIE) and Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP).